

Today's News - Friday, December 21, 2007

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the final newsletter of the year (we'll be back Wednesday, January 2, 2008)...it seems fitting to wind up the year with (mostly) good news and reviews. — CABA comes up with big bucks - 'er pounds - to "inspire great local architecture" around the U.K. — Pearman tracks Foster from 40 years ago to Beijing. — A new Niemeyer for Spain; he needs 15 days to come up with a monument to soccer for Rio. — Maeda takes on RISD presidential mantle. — Juror offers insight into AR Emerging Architecture winners. — British wit: BD's alternative architecture awards for 2007 (the God complex award, for example). — Lacayo's Top 10 for '07 (well, he names 5 - and then some). — Top designers pick their faves. — Must-see/must-read: Heathcote on Prouvé's show: "If you've become bored of limited edition design masquerading as art then this is the show for you"; and best books of the year. — An unusual tour of L.A. in the spirit of the "zany Englishman" Reyner Banham. — Kamin picks: Joseph Rosa's curatorial skills challenge the "modernist creed: That ornament is a crime"; and a list of books worth reading or giving. — Gardner's take on "Architecture or Techno-Utopia: Politics After Modernism." — "Beyond Bawa" will hopefully boost the architect's posthumous profile. — In the spirit of the season: the "twinkle factor ratings" of Santa's digs at malls around Toronto. — Rating your turkey dinner's carbon footprint: "Christmas miserabilism has gone mainstream."

Here's to Happy, Happy Holidays and a joyful and prosperous New Year for all!!! See you next year...

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[CABA gives £1.8 million 'to inspire great local architecture': 21 architecture and the built environment centres from around the country will receive funding...over the next two years.](#)- 24dash.com (UK)

[Bloggin' Norman: London to Beijing and back: Hugh Pearman has tracked Lord Foster since he was plain Norman. Now Foster has been in practice for 40 years and the pace is still quickening. By Hugh Pearman \[images\]](#)- RIBA Journal (UK)

[Niemeyer Designs New Arts Center in Spain: ...\\$45 million Centro Cultural de Aviles...says the building will be one of his most beautiful yet. \[image\]](#)- Architectural Record

[Flamengo soccer team pays homage to architect Oscar Niemeyer: ...asked \[him\] a favor: to design a monument in homage of the team and its fans. The architect liked the idea and asked for 15 days to come up with something...will be placed in front of the team headquarters in the city of Rio de Janeiro.](#)- Xinhua News (China)

[John Maeda named new president of Rhode Island School of Design...associate director of research at the MIT Media Laboratory...will assume RISD leadership in June 2008.](#)- MIT News

[Design of the Times: Architectural Review \[AR 2007 Awards for Emerging Architecture\] hails hanging gardens in Tokyo, airborne trees in Madrid and tent houses in Chile...\[juror\] Shirley Blumberg of Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg \(KPMB\) provides some insight on the three prize winners — Shimohigoshi/AAE; Ecosistema; FAR: FROHN & ROJAS \[images\]](#)- National Post (Canada)

[Bdonline's alternative architecture awards for 2007: Who has won the God complex award, the blatant greenwash award and the better late than never award, the contractors' nightmare award for unbuildability? — Erick van Egeraat; Marco Goldschmied; Will Alsop; Erno Goldfinger; Terry Farrell; Le Corbusier; Allies and Morrison; Urban Splash; Herzog & de Meuron; Piers Gough/CZWG; Simon Jenkins; HOK; Norman Foster; etc. \[images, links\]](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[The Architecture Top Ten: Actually it's just five — and one of them is a sculpture park — plus five hopefuls for next year. By Richard Lacayo — Steven Holl; Morphosis; Weiss/Manfredi; Gehry Partners; SANAA; Renzo Piano; Coop Himmelb\(l\)au; Philip Johnson; Pelli Clarke Pelli; Norman Foster; Richard Rogers; Fumihiko Maki; Tod Williams + Billie Tsien; Paul Rudolph; Gwathmey Siegel; Herzog & de Meuron; Koolhaas-](#) Time Magazine

[7 Seminal Spaces: Some of our best interior designers take a walk through their favorite rooms—past and present—showing us the moves behind the magic. — Jamie Drake/Andreas Schlüter \(1713\); Kitty Hawks/Warren & Wetmore/Reed & Stern \(1913\); Yabu Pushelberg/Piero Fornasetti \(1930s\)/Mies van der Rohe \(1951\); Lauren Rottet/Donald Judd; David Rockwell/Luis Domènech i Montaner \(1908\); Shawn Hausman/James Turrell; Clive Wilkinson/Carl Fredrik Adelcrantz \(1766\) \[images\]](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[Modernism made sensible: Prouvé's prescient attempts at an architecture for mass production still seem urgently relevant...he still has much to tell us about how design can be made accessible and improve our lives...if you've become bored of limited edition design masquerading as art then this is the show for you. By Edwin Heathcote-](#) Financial Times (UK)

[The Best of 2007: The Year in Books - Architecture. By Edwin Heathcote-](#) Financial Times (UK)

[On the Bus With Banham: A tour of unseen LA—in the spirit of Reyner Banham—rambles through the city \[slide show, links\]](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[Show challenges bias against ornamentation: "Figuration in Contemporary Design" at the Art Institute of Chicago...Joseph Rosa is challenging one of the canonical views of](#)

[the modernist creed: That ornament is a crime. By Blair Kamin -- Demakersvan; Bouroullec brothers; Patricia Urquiola; Greg Lynn; Marcel Wanders; Herzog & de Meuron; Klein Dytham; Zaha Hadid; Joel Sanders/Balmori Associates; 2x4-](#) Chicago Tribune

[Gift Books: Exploring architecture's past and present, and its possibilities for the future. By Blair Kamin-](#) Chicago Tribune

[The Skyline as Architectural History: "Architecture or Techno-Utopia: Politics After Modernism" by Felicity D. Scott seeks to revisit some of the dissenters who opposed the International Style's nearly total hegemony in the 1960s and '70s, whose attacks were instrumental in the rise of the Postmodern movement... By James Gardner -- R. Buckminster Fuller; Robert A.M. Stern; Manfredo Tafuri; Philip Johnson; Bruno Taut; Antonio Sant'Elia; Louis Kahn; Edward Durell Stone; Wallace K. Harrison; Max Abramovitz; Pietro Belluschi; Venturi Scott Brown; Edward Larrabee Barnes-](#) New York Sun

[Lord of the Jungle: Though disdained as an élitist, Geoffrey Bawa revolutionized tropical architecture by blending modern ideas and traditional forms: David Robson's "Beyond Bawa: Modern Masterworks of Monsoon Asia"...will hopefully boost the architect's posthumous profile.-](#) Time Magazine

[Elvish Architecture: Santa's homes away from home: They're only temporary digs, but when the man in red visits Toronto, he likes to be stylish...four Santa houses we surveyed ranged in their twinkle factor ratings, all had elements to recommend them. By Dave LeBlanc \[slide show\]-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Does your turkey have a footprint? The gloomy green message from the Eco-nezer Scrooges is: don't enjoy your Christmas because you're killing the planet...In the name of scrimping and saving the planet, Christmas miserabilism has gone mainstream.-](#) The Times (UK)

[Welcome to the Neighborhoods: Jones Lang LaSalle Americas Headquarters...addresses corporate agility through space planning... -- IA Interior Architects \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow



-- SANAA: New Museum, New York, NY
-- Competition winner: Coop Himmelb(l)au: Center of Performing Arts, Zarautz, Spain
-- The Architect's Studio: I.M. Pei Concept Sketches: Musée d'Art Moderne

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